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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the substantive examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application without prejudice as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 1, line 5, delete "characterized in that" and insert -- wherein --.

Claim 2, line 1, delete "characterized in that" and insert -- wherein --.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "characterized in that" and insert -- wherein --.

4. (Amended) Process according to [one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the organic complex former is substantially removed during drying.

5. (Amended) Process according to [one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the drying is carried out at a temperature of between 20 and 120°C.

6. (Amended) Process according to [one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the weight per unit area of the dried film is between 10 and 300 g m².

7. (Amended) Process according to [one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that] claim 1, wherein the organic complex former is acetylacetone or that acetylacetone participates in the complex forming.